We the Non-commiſſioned Officers

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And Soldiers of the Weſt Kent

Regiment of Militia,

ARE anxious to take the earlieſt opportunity of Teſtyfying publickly to our *King and Country*, our grateful ſenſe of the Liberality of Parliament, and of *His Majeſty's* Paternal Care communicated to us by an order from His Royal Highness the *Duke of York*, dated the 25th Inſtant, though *We* hope our conduct has been uniformly ſuch as to give the ſtrongeſt proofs of our attachment to both, and to ſhew that we needed no Freſh Inſtance of *His Majeſty's* Bounty to rivet that Love and attachment which every good SOLDIER muſt feel for *His King and Country.* We are well aware that attempts have been made in many Inſtances to ſeduce the Britiſh Soldier from His Duty, but holding in abhorrence all ſuch baſe and ſcandalous proceedings, *We* ſhall Glory in any opportunity of bringing the Inſtigators of them to the Puniſhment they deſerve.

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Signed at the unanimous deſire of our Brother Soldiers.

Senr. Serjeants.	
John Pine,	of Col. James's Comp.
John Stevens,	of Lt. Col. Hattons
Rob. Williams	of Maj. Lambard's
Jam. Farquaharſon	of Capt. Dyke's
George Bruce	Capt. Benjafield's

Senr. Serjeants.	
Joſeph Arnett	Capt. Dalton's Company, Serjeant Major.
James Arnett	Capt. Morland's
James Reeves	Capt. Rider's
Daniel Green	Capt. Hammond's
John Brabant	Capt. Hawley's

Portsea Barracks, 26th May, 1797.